

and admired by his men and every officer in the Regiment. He was one of the most efficient officers in the Regiment and at the time of his death his recommendation for Captaincy had been forwarded to General Headquarters and had he lived he would have been made Captain in a very short time.

He was a true gentleman and soldier in every respect. His character and reputation in this Regiment was the very best attainable and his loss was a very serious one to our Company and Regiment.

He was killed on the morning of September 29th while he was getting his men under shelter from shell fire. He had waited until his men were all under shelter before he sought shelter for himself and had just started into the trench when a large shell exploded very near him. He died in a very short time.

Our regimental chaplain took charge of his personal effects with the exception of a few pieces of the clothing—1 Uniform, 1 cap, 1 Extra Pr. Trousers, 1 Sam Brown Belt, 1 Pr. Leather Leggings, 1 Pr. Spiral Leggings, 1 Pr. Spurs, Some letters, 2 Photographs, 1 Small Testament—which I have been looking after with the hope of sending them to you, but on account of some regulation it seems that I will have to wait until I get back to the States before I can send them to you. But I will take good care of them and send them to you the first opportunity I have.

On account of our censorship rules I cannot give you much more information in regard to the work he did. He did and was doing at the time of his death very satisfactory work I can assure you.

Yours very respectfully,

(sgd.) CLARENCE S. STROUP."

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"Dec. 21/18.

MY DEAR MR. FIELD:

Your brother was a warm personal friend, as well as a valued lieutenant in my company. As an Officer his worth was in part shown by his promotion, and the papers for which were en route and knowledge of which we received two days